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**The Villa Park Evergreen Co.**

520 South Princeton Ave Villa Park-Illinois.

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Springtime.

❧❧❧ Mount Rainier National Park-Washington. ❧❧❧



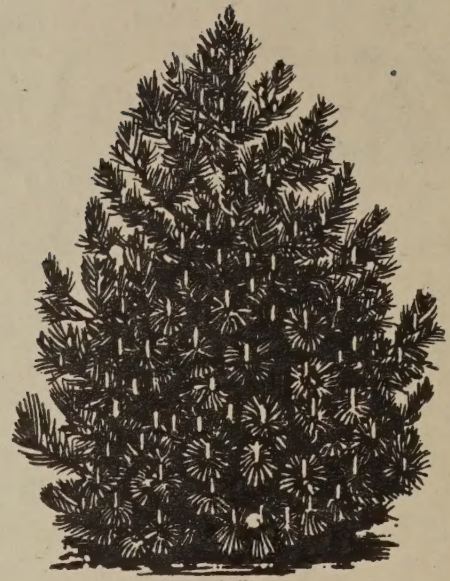


Ponderosa Pine.

This Pine has the longest needles of any Pine. It is undoubtedly the best of the three leaf Pine. Its form of growth is usually pyramidal. Color of foliage is a pleasing dark green. A perfectly hardy tree of rapid growth. Suitable for specimens, groups and screens.

Twice transplanted trees- 12-13 inches high.

3 for only \$ 1.00 -- Postpaid.



Scotch Pine.

If you want a fast growing evergreen plant a Scotch Pine. This splendid tree is very hardy, grows fast and withstands heat and dry weather. The Scotch Pine adapts itself to the most difficult conditions of soil, climate and trying exposure. A very handsome tree.

Twice Transplanted trees- 12-18 inches high.

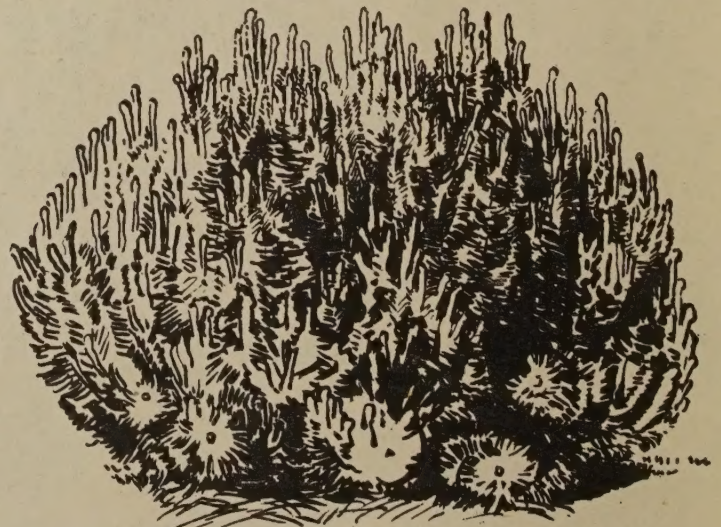
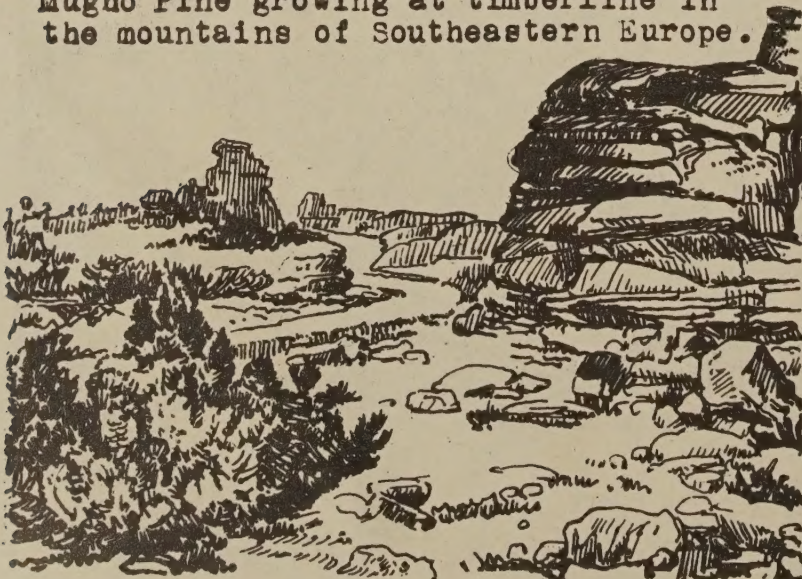
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### Mugho Pine.

The Mugho Pine originates from the mountains of South Eastern Europe, where it grows at the highest timberline. It is one of the best and hardiest dwarf evergreens. Distinctly round and compact. Ideal for foundation plantings, edging or low massing. Also suitable for the rock-garden. In spring, bright colored new shoots like tiny candles adorn them and contrast splendidly with other evergreens. The Mugho Pine is also suited for city plantings as it resists the effects of smoke, dust and other adverse conditions. We offer the real dwarf type which at present is very scarce. This is an offer of unusual Value.

8-10 inch spread- Twice Transplanted ----- 3 for only \$ 1.00 Postpaid.

Mugho Pine growing at timberline in the mountains of Southeastern Europe.





The Colorado Blue Spruce is really the aristocrat of the evergreens. Its shiny blue color is a sight worthy to behold. Wherever planted the Colorado Blue Spruce will always be a mark of distinction. It will do well in any situation. One of the most valuable trees for ornamental planting.



We Offer:

Fine bushy trees  
6 years old  
Twice transplanted.  
Average height 1 ft.

3 for only  
\$ 1.00  
Postpaid.

The Color of the Colorado Blue Spruce.

The color of the Colorado Blue Spruce is similar to the bloom or sheen on a grape or plum. It is a powdery substance that can be wiped off the needles. This accounts for the trees losing color after a hard winter of snow and ice. The new growth again shows the blue color. It must be remembered that only a certain percentage will grow

into blue Shiners. In young trees the color is less distinct but should get more pronounced as they grow older. Because of this we cannot guaranty the ultimate color and your order is only accepted with this understanding. We mention these facts so that our customers will not be disappointed upon delivery of the trees.

## Colorado Blue Spruce Seed.

We had quite a few requests for seed of the Colorado Blue Spruce. This year we were able to obtain a limited supply of this seed. If you are interested in raising your own Colorado Blue Spruce from seed here is an opportunity to do so. These seeds were gathered from the bluest Blue Spruces in the mountains of Colorado. They can be planted any time during the year, either indoors or outside.

Price per package with liberal amount of seed: 25¢.

## Norway Spruce.

A well known evergreen of great hardiness. A favorite because of its rapid growth, dense deep green foliage and graceful form. Fine for specimens, groups, windbreaks or hedges.

We Offer:

Heavy trees  
12 - 18 inches

3 for only  
\$ 1.00  
Postpaid.



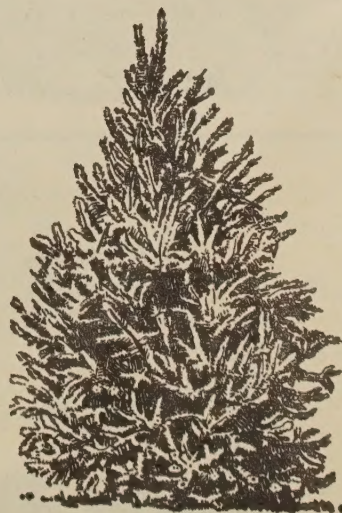
## Black Hills Spruce.

No finer Spruce can be found than the Black Hills Spruce. Grows very compact. Its color is a rich green, some time tense blue. The ideal Christmas-tree. Easy to transplant.

We Offer:

Heavy plants  
12- 15 inches.

3 for only  
\$ 1.00  
Postpaid.





### Irish Juniper.

This is one of the most popular erect growing evergreens, forming a highly decorative slender columnar tree. Foliage is bluish-green. No better evergreen can be found where space is at a premium and regularity and neatness is desirable.

Average height 12-15 inches. 2 x transplanted.

3 for only \$ 1.00 Postpd.

### Silver Juniper.

The Silver Juniper is one of the most beautiful evergreens. Extreme hardiness combines with graceful lines and superb coloring. Its growth is compact, narrow symmetrical, forming a light silvery blue column. There is no finer evergreen for the foundation planting.

Average height 12-18 inches  
Twice transplanted.

2 for only \$ 1.00 Postpaid.

### Pfitzer Juniper.

So well known is this evergreen that it is hardly necessary to describe it in detail. It is a popular tree in every location of the United States. One of the best evergreens.

12-15 inches ----- 3 for only \$ 1.00 Postpd.

### Andorra Juniper.

The Andorra Juniper is one of the finest addition of the low growing evergreens. Spring and summer color is of a rich bright green; fall and winter color a purple hue.

10-12 inches ---- 3 for only \$ 1.00 Postpd.

### Savin Juniper.

This is another fine low growing Juniper. Foliage is dark green. Grows in almost any soil and endures smoke and other adverse city conditions. Easy to transplant, very hardy.

12-15 inches- Heavy trees.- 2 for \$ 1.00.

### Sargent Juniper.

A low growing Juniper which seldom grows more than one foot high and forms a dense mat. Foliage is bluish-green. Easy to transplant and very hardy. One of the finest, but very scarce.

10-12 inches ---- 2 for only \$ 1.00 Postpaid.

### A New Book On Evergreens.

Do not miss ordering our New Book on Evergreens. Written in every day language. Full of practical suggestions. Over 50 illustrations. It tells you what to do and what not to do in planting evergreens. It gives the modern ideas in beautifying the home. You should have this book.

Price is only 25 ¢ Postpaid.



**Pyramidal Arbor Vitae.**

A tall slender evergreen. Very popular. Often planted in pairs at entrance or gates. Stands shearing well.

2 ft high- Heavy trees.  
2 for only \$1.25 Postpaid

**Globe Arbor Vitae.**

A dense globose plant. Never grows tall. Much used in foundation, entrance and hedge planting. Foliage is dark green of lacelike appearance. Growth is rather slow. Very hardy.

10-12 inches high  
3 for only \$ 1.00.

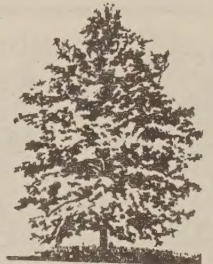
**Oriental Arbor Vitae.**

Slender form. Color is bright green. Valuable for formal plantings. Also where impression of height is desirable.

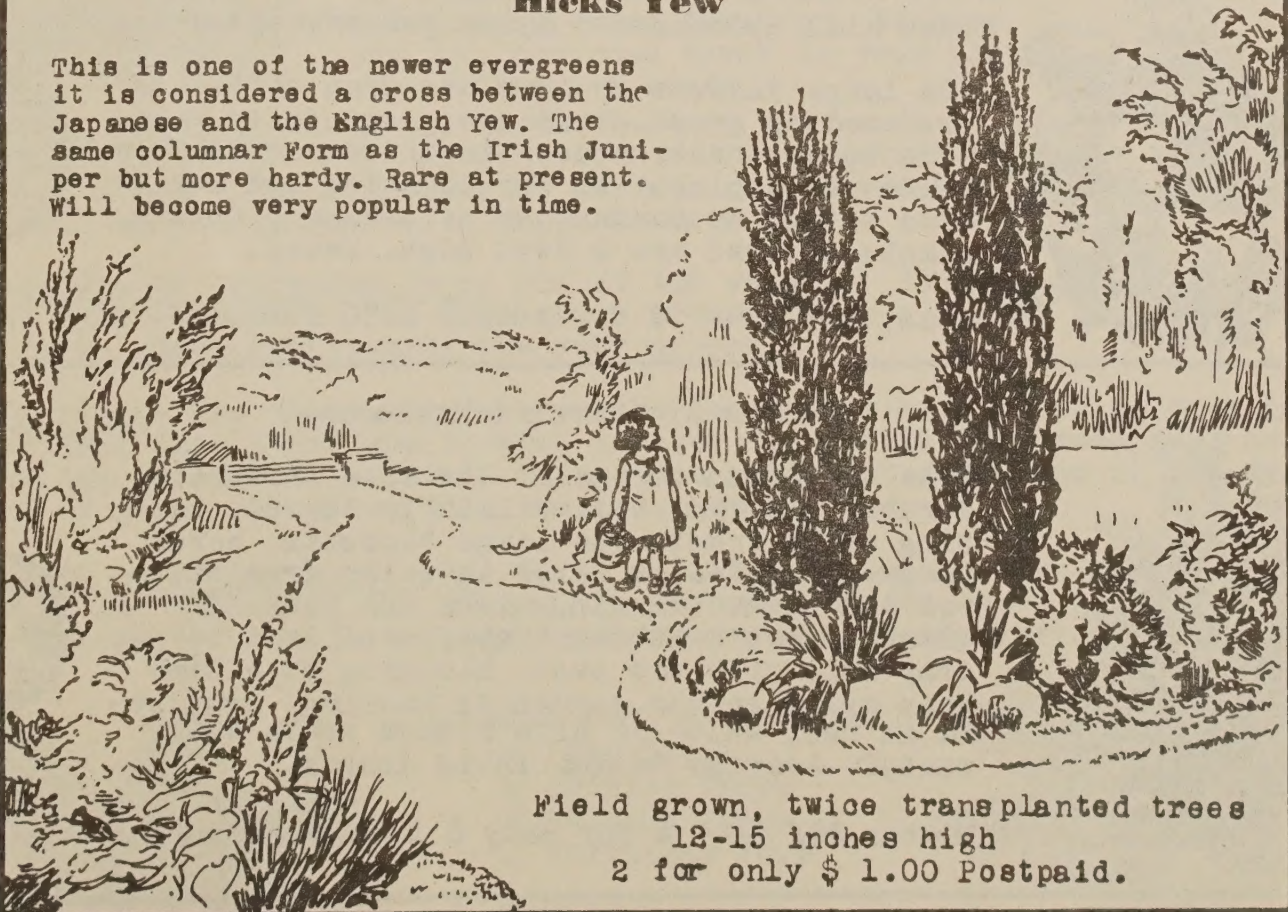
18 inches high- heavy.  
2 for only \$ 1.00

**Visit our Salesground.**

If you live near Chicago, Illinois we extend a hearty invitation to visit our salesground. Our nursery and salesground are located on U.S. Highway 30, also known as Roosevelt Road, about 20 miles west of Chicago or to be more specific about 4 miles west of Wheaton. Here you will be able to pick up any time some nice bargains in larger ever greens, trees and shrubs.

**Hicks Yew**

This is one of the newer evergreens it is considered a cross between the Japanese and the English Yew. The same columnar form as the Irish Juniper but more hardy. Rare at present. Will become very popular in time.



Field grown, twice transplanted trees  
12-15 inches high  
2 for only \$ 1.00 Postpaid.



# HARDY FLOWERING SHRUBS

*Lend Distinction and Value to Your Grounds*



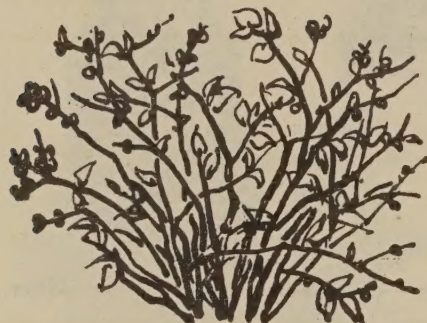
Golden Bells ( *Forsythia spectabilis* ) .

Blossoming at the first blush of spring the Goldenbells, with their joyous, clear Yellow bells, borne in great profusion are like so much sunshine. Indeed no shrub gives a richer display of pure yellow than do the Forsythia. Flowers appear before leaves.. Plants offered are 12 - 18 inches high.



Each: 30¢ --- 4 for only \$ 1.00 Postpaid.

Flowering Quince ( *Cydonia japonica* ) .



A handsome shrub with spiny branches and brilliant scarlet flowers. After the leaves fall large yellowish fruits appear. They are slow growing and treasured for the ease in which their blossoms may be forced open in the house in winter. Fine for specimens, also for hedges. Plants are 12 - 18 inches high.



Each: 30¢ --- 4 for only \$ 1.00 Postpaid.

Alpine Currant ( *Ribes alpinum* ) .



A dwarf shrub of dense growth. Fine dark leaves. The yellow spring blossoms are followed in fall with profuse loads of dark berries. One of the best shrubs for low hedges, or compact bushes in the foundation. Grows in shade, also under city conditions. Plants offered are 2 feet high. Heavy.

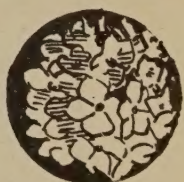


Each: 40¢ ---- 3 for only \$ 1.00 Postpaid.

Snow Hill Hydrangea ( *Hydrangea arborescens* ) .

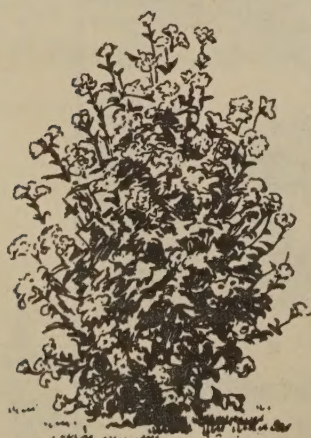


The large flowers in June are snow white and produced in great abundance. Especially valuable because they come when blooms are scarce. Worthy of a place in any planting and may be used either in foundation or border planting. Plants offered are 2 feet high. Heavy.



Each: 60¢ ---- 2 for only \$ 1.00 Postpaid.

Rose of Sharon ( *Hibiscus* ) .



Rose of sharon is one of the late flowering shrubs. Flowers appear late in August, lasting until frost. The large blossoms, borne in great profusion range in color from white red and blue. Standing alone the Rose of Sharon makes a handsome specimen. As a hedge they rank with the best, blooming at a time when color in the garden is lacking. Available in red, white or blue. Please state color wanted. Average height 12-18 inches.



Each: 30¢ ---- 4 for only \$ 1.00 Postpaid.





## Blue Spirea.

This is a rare plant of unusual beauty. A real aquisition to your garden. It blooms from late August until frost. Flowers are of a powdery blue and practically cover the whole plant. Limited supply.  
Each 35¢ -- 3 for only \$ 1.00



## Mordens Pink.

Mordens Pink (Lythrum), one of the most beautiful new flowers was developed in Mordens nursery in Canada. So it must be hardy. It grows 2-3 feet high and blooms continiously from June until fall. Flowers are of a rich deep pink. It is such an attractive flower that utter strangers passing by have stopped to ask what the brilliant flowers were. Do not miss this novelty for your garden.  
Each: 45¢ -- 3 for only \$ 1.00



## Bleeding Hearts.

### Old Fashioned Bleeding Heart.

This is the type Grandmother used to plant. Flowers in May or June. Unsurpassed in grace and beauty. Strong potted plants.  
Each: 35¢-3 for only \$ 1.00



### Dwarf Bleeding Heart. This

is a dwarf growing sort with fernlike foliage. Blooms all summer. Fine for edging or the rock garden.

Each: 35¢ 3 for only \$ 1.00

## Dwarf Iris Collection.

No garden is complete without this most satisfactory of garden plants. Very floriferous and with a wide range of colors, they combine especially well with other perennials in beds or borders, along fences, walls or pathways.

Spring Skies  
Aurea  
Cyanea  
The Bride

Sky Blue  
Yellow  
Purple  
White



All 4 only 50¢ Postpaid.

# Bargain in ferns

Ferns are very useful and decorative in planting the home grounds. Particularly in shady location. Be sure and include some ferns in your planting. They are hardy.

Ostrich Fern.- This is one of the largest native fern. Its fronds reach a height from 2-7 feet. Easy to transplant and grows in shade as well as in sunny locations. The Ostrich fern is getting scarce and should be planted more to preserve its unusual charm.

Evergreen or Christmas Fern.- One of the showiest ferns. Prefers a somewhat shady position. The rich green fronds reach a height of 1-3 feet. It stays green practically the year around.

Lady Fern.- The name Lady fern or the Queen of the ferns dates back to time when this plant was thought to bear the mystic fern seed held to make the possessor invisible. Of medium growth, 2-3 ft. One of the easiest fern to grow, Tolerates full sun or shade.

Osmunda or Interrupted Fern.- It is believed the name Osmunda is after Osmund the waterman, who during the invasion of the Danes hid his family in a clump of this fern. Height of fronds 2-4 feet. Very hardy.

## Bargain Fern Collection.

- 5 Lady Ferns
- 4 Ostrich Ferns
- 2 Osmunda Ferns
- 1 Christmas Fern

\$ 2.75 Postpaid.





# THE NEW Cushion Chrysanthemums

De Luxe Red Cushion- A new introduction. Perfectly mound formed. Flowers are double and of a real bright red. This is the answer to the desire of a real red Cushion Mum.

Harvest Gold- A fine new, golden yellow cushion. Perhaps the best type yet produced. Destined to become one of the most popular. Flowers from late August to frost.

Major Cushion- Another new valuable addition to the Cushion Mum family, filling a definite color position with its bright salmon pink flowers. Its color does not fade.

White Gull- This Cushion Mum will be an everlasting favorite. Its pure white flowers are of a pompon shape. Be sure and include this superb Mum in your planting.



Cushion Chrysanthemums have enjoyed tremendously increased interest and universal popularity. Deservedly so. No garden is complete without them.

We offer strong potted plants.

Each: 40¢ -- 4 for only \$ 1.25

## PLANTING

### DIRECTIONS

The chief care to be taken during planting operations is to prevent the drying out of the roots. The fine rootlets of the young trees are extremely delicate and may be seriously injured even by a few minutes exposure to the sun or drying winds. It is best to keep the trees in an ordinary pail with enough muddy water to cover the roots. Trees should not be kept lying on the ground while a hole is being dug.

The hole should be made large enough to receive the roots without cramping them. The roots are inserted in the hole, spread out and loose soil firmly tamped with the hands. The tree should be set upright and planted to the same depth at which it grew in the nursery. This depth is indicated by a ring of light bark around the tree at ground level.

A test of proper planting is to give each tree a slight tug after setting. If the tree pulls up, it is not properly set. Failure to set the tree firmly and at the right depth usually results in death or stunting. After the tree is planted it should be watered and judicious watering should be done at least once each week, especially during the first year. Keep the ground around the tree cultivated. It keeps the weeds down and preserves the moisture.

## TO OUR FRIENDS,

### OLD AND NEW

Our evergreens can be successfully transplanted in Spring and in Fall. The Spring planting season starts about the first of April and lasts until the beginning of June. The Fall planting season starts early in September and lasts until the ground freezes solidly.

Our trees are packed in damp moss and wrapped in waterproof paper. Shipment will be made at the proper time for planting.

If any stock proves untrue to name it will be either exchanged or purchase price will be returned, but in no case will we be responsible for any sum greater than the original purchase price.

We guarantee our trees to be free from disease and in the best growing condition, but we do not give any guarantee as to the growth of stock. Your care will determine your success in growing any plant or tree.

No order accepted under \$1.00 and please do not send stamps.

We will pay all shipping charges except where noted otherwise.

Detailed planting instructions are furnished with each order.